

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****DRAFT**

In re Application of: James B. Copelan  
Serial No.: 09/729,888  
Filed: 12/04/00  
For: A Pre-Surgical Safety, Warning, Notification, and/or Alerting  
Device  
Group: 3764  
Examiner: Michael A. Brown

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Accompanying this Reply is a clean copy of the Claims, as amended. Also accompanying this Reply is a marked up version of the Claims, showing the changes to be made by this Reply.

Please amend the Claims as shown in the marked up version of the Claims accompanying this Reply, resulting in the Claims as set forth in the clean copy. In particular, the requested changes include:

- a. Cancel claims 1-8 and 17.
- b. Renumber the remaining claims as claims 1 - 9.
- c. Modify claims 1, 7, 8, and 9 by adding and deleting as shown in the